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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE  
 SUBJECT: Briefing for Continental Defense Committee, 24 June 1953

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your memorandum of 24 June (Op-322N/tr, Ser 0005/2P32), containing comments and recommended changes on the draft briefing for the Continental Defense Committee. I regret to say, the memorandum reached my desk rather late in the morning and unfortunately, due to the press of business, I did not see it prior to the presentation at 1400.

2. Your verbal comments at the IAC meeting on 23 June were considered, however, and in my introductory remarks I made it clear to the Committee that the presentation did not attempt to analyze Soviet capabilities to attack, but only the question of warning. I interpreted the Committee's letter requesting the briefing as expressing a desire for an evaluation of the capabilities of our intelligence program to provide advance warning. The Committee will receive additional briefings on the problem of Soviet capabilities for an attack and the estimated probability that they will choose one or more of the possible courses of action open to them.

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MEMORANDUM TO: Deputy Director, CIA  
FROM : Chief, Indications Staff, OCI  
SUBJECT : Draft Acknowledgement of Admiral Espe's Comments and Suggestions

1. Attached is a proposed draft acknowledgement of Admiral Espe's comments and suggestions.

2, I am also incorporating in the final copy those substantive changes entered on your briefing copy.

3. Subject to your approval, we are prepared to disseminate final copies to each of the USCIB and IAC members, and to each of the Deputy Directors under the DD/I.

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